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Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (MI-9J)
Chicago, IL 60604-3590
(312) 886-6686

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding two facilities:
1) the City of Warren's wastewater treatment plant, located in Trumbull County at 2323 Main Avenue S.W., Warren, Ohio, and;
2) records pertaining to Patriot Water Treatment Plant located at 2840 Sferra Avenue, Warren, OH, Trumbull County.

On behalf of FreshWater Accountability Project (FWAP), I am requesting copies of all records described below that are dated between January 1, 2010 and the date of this request. I have already conducted a search of EPA's applicable online databases for the records listed below; however, most of the records listed below are unavailable on these databases.

- All communications, including emails, between the USEPA and the Ohio EPA, regarding both Patriot Water Treatment Plant and the City of Warren's wastewater treatment plant.
- All communications, including emails, between the USEPA and Patriot Water Treatment, LLC or Patriot Energy Partners, LLC
- All internal communications, including emails, at USEPA concerning Patriot Water Treatment, LLC or Patriot Energy Partners, LLC
- All communications, including emails, between the USEPA and the City of Warren, regarding the City of Warren's wastewater treatment facility
- All communications, including emails, between the USEPA and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, regarding Patriot Water Treatment, LLC or Patriot Energy Partners, LLC
- Reports or records documenting all inspections conducted by EPA staff at the City of Warren's Wastewater treatment plant
- Reports or records submitted to the EPA regarding the City of Warren's wastewater treatment plant
- Reports or records submitted to the EPA regarding Patriot Water Treatment, LLC or Patriot Energy Partners, LLC
- All information pertaining to site visits to both Patriot Water Treatment Plant, and the City of Warren's wastewater treatment plant.

- All inspection reports pertaining to both Patriot Water Treatment Plant, and the City of Warren's wastewater treatment plant.
- All compliance investigations concerning both Patriot Water Treatment Plant, and the City of Warren's wastewater treatment plant.
- Inspection reports
- Discharge monitoring reports
- Notices of violations
- Correspondence, including emails, pertaining to Pretreatment audits
- Pretreatment audit inspection reports, including notes and checklists
- Compliance monitoring reports
- Industrial self-monitoring reports
- Site visit reports and Data Sheets
- Correspondence, including emails, pertaining to site visits
- Leachate production logs
- System Bypass notices
- System Bypass Reports
- Correspondence, including emails, pertaining to pretreatment by Patriot Water Treatment, LLC or Patriot Energy Partners, LLC
- Correspondence with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources pertaining to the facility's NPDES permit, application, or modification requests
- Correspondence with Patriot Water Treatment, LLC or Patriot Energy Partners, LLC pertaining to the facility's NPDES permit, application, or modification requests
- Sludge sampling and Analysis
- Receiving stream sampling and related analysis related to the Warren facility since January 1, 2010.
- Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) related to the Warren facility since January 1, 2010

I would like to receive copies of the records requested above in electronic format and via email whenever possible, send to the following address: jyskamp@fairshake-els.org; or on a disk mailed to the Akron address below.

I respectfully request a waiver of all fees for this request. For the purposes of determining whether fees may be waived, please note, as described in the following paragraphs, the production of the requested information is likely to significantly contribute to the public welfare, especially the health and wellbeing of the community located near the City of Warren's wastewater treatment plant, and along the Mahoning River. The response to this request will facilitate getting the public that information so that they may be better informed on the operations of their government and better participants in the governance of their own communities.

The requesters intend to make these documents available to the public through their publication on the website of FreshWater Accountability Project. FreshWater Accountability Project is a nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve freshwater supplies and other valuable natural resources through education and community action, and is dedicated to promoting health by protecting the environment. The organization works to make information

pertaining to hydraulic fracturing and the disposal of its associated waste products easily accessible to the public in order to encourage people to be involved in creating meaningful change at the local, state, and federal levels of government. As a result of this publication, the requested information will be widely available to the public at large and will significantly contribute to the public understanding of the operations and activities of its government.

This request is made on behalf of the FreshWater Accountability Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of local communities about freshwater supplies. FreshWater Accountability Project provides an online archive of various studies and community information, designed to ensure that communities have access to all of the information they need to make an informed decision on how to manage their water supplies. By providing this information to FreshWater Accountability Project, the EPA will contribute to FWAP's goal of increased public understanding and awareness about freshwater, and will in turn educate the public as to the steps taken by the EPA to protect and preserve local water supplies from contamination.

The requester, Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services, is a non-profit law firm committed to serving modest means clients in the Appalachian Basin. When appropriate, Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services employs the citizen suit provisions of environmental laws to help average citizens ensure that they are getting the environmental protection to which they are entitled under the law. In addition to counseling clients directly, Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services engages in community presentations to inform the public of their rights in environmental matters. The information received will be used to assist Ohio residents in understanding their legal rights regarding natural gas development in their region and in emergency response situations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Yskamp', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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